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Ebensburg and the William Penn Highway

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Ebensburg, Pa.

The other day it was predicted that in 1917 a thousand cars a day would pass east and west over the William Penn Highway and that by 1919 the automobiles would number not less than two thousand each day.

It is a particularly pleasing thought that these trans-state tourists will have the pleasure of visiting Ebensburg, admittedly the brightest star in the galaxy of Pennsylvania mountain towns.

Ebensburg, Cambria County, is in the heart of the Allegheny mountains, but the pre-historic upheaval of the earth's crust was so ordered by the gods that Ebensburg is not marooned on an inaccessible plateau, but is reached by shady thoroughfares of easy grades which pass through a country of scenic splendors unsurpassed.

Since 1755 trans-state overland travel has passed through Ebensburg. First, the lumbering stage coaches; and, now, automobiles which find the going at all times to their liking. Kossuth, the Hungarian liberator, was charmed with Ebensburg and its surroundings.

With its many days of bright sunshine, its paved and tree-arched avenues, its pure artesian well water, its health-giving atmosphere, its splendid surroundings—absolutely free from smoke and dust, Ebensburg is a town which attracts hundreds of visitors each week during the spring, summer and fall months; and the dry cold of winter, when the town is remarkably free from the ills which plague so many localities, bids fair, eventually, to make Ebensburg a winter as well as summer resort of the first magnitude.

With the Ebensburg Inn, three modern brick hotels and scores of boarding houses, Ebensburg is well able to care for all visitors. There is no prettier mountain hotel than the Ebensburg Inn, situated as it is in the midst of an immense park, and boasting tennis courts, a golf course, shaded porches, a beautiful sylvan retreat and hotel accommodations which are on a par with those found in the larger cities.

There is a pretty lake at the edge of town nestling against a wooded hillside—an azure jewel walled around with emeralds. There is horseback riding and automobiling and bathing and tennis and golf and many other enjoyable features for the visitor. There is, too, something else which appeals strongly to those who come to Ebensburg — a desire on the part of the town and its people to be reasonable in their charges; and this is no small item.

The ultimate completion of the William Penn Highway means, of course, that automobile travel will be heavy over this thoroughfare; and Ebensburg is well equipped with garages and service stations to care for all the cars that come.

Visitors will find Ebensburg not only a healthful resort of great beauty and attractiveness, but modernly built and possessing every facility. It is easily accessible by train and by automo-

Information regarding the town, its hotels and boarding houses, will gladly be furnished inquirers who request it of the William Penn Highway Association of Ebensburg.

Cambria County Courthouse at Ebensburg

Residence
Of
M. D. Kittell

WHAT TO DO AT EBENSBURG

GOLF AND TENNIS

A golf course situated on the grounds of the Ebensburg Inn is open to the guests of this popular hotel. A tennis court is also free to guests; and there is also a court at the Y. M. C. A., as well as several private courts in the town.

FISHING AND BOATING

There are trout streams within easy distance of Ebensburg; and in the Cambria Steel company's dam along the William Penn Highway.

William Penn Highway Looking Toward The Allegheny Mountains From a Point West of Duncansville

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William Penn Highway, West of Ebensburg

35 minutes from Ebensburg by auto, the bass abound in great numbers. For the children there is the fishing in Lake Rowena; and even the grown-ups find pleasure in angling and boating on this pretty body of water.

WOPSONONOCK

This is a high point in the Allegheny Mountains, a short drive from Ebensburg; and from it can be seen a wonderful panorama embracing seven Pennsylvania counties. Wopsononock is a beautiful picnic grounds.

THE LOOP

A beautiful automobile drive around northern Cambria county, over excellent roads and covering a distance of about 90 miles; a highly enjoyable drive for an afternoon and evening, with little inns here and there noted for excellent "home" cooking.

THE SANITARIUM

Distant about nine miles from Ebensburg, along the William Penn Highway, at Summit. Here the state of Pennsylvania has erected an enormous institution which is doing a world of good.

CARRIAGE DRIVES

For those who prefer horses and carriages to the automobile there are shady drives in every direction, along thoroughfares not frequented by auto tourists. Saddle horses or carriages may be procured of the liverymen in Ebensburg at reasonable rates.

JOHNSTOWN AND ALTOONA.

These two cities are within easy distance of Ebensburg, the roads to both being very good. Altoona is a Pennsylvania Railroad town; Johnstown is the home of the Cambria Steel Company, until its purchase by Midvale in the spring of 1916 the largest independent steel plant in

Residence of
D. E. Park

the United States. The Fort Stanwix Hotel is the largest and best hotel in western Pennsylvania, outside of Pittsburg; and tourists from Ebensburg find the evening drive home after dinner at the Fort Stanwix a delightful one.

PITTSBURGH.

The city of Pittsburgh is three and one-half hours from Ebensburg on the William Penn Highway; and the William Penn Hotel (on William Penn Place) is one of the finest in the United States. The drive between Pittsburgh and Ebensburg is an enjoyable one; and week-end parties at the Ebensburg Inn find the overland drive a pleasurable one, indeed.

A Pretty Walk Through The Woods, Ebensburg Inn

THE MINES

For those who know nothing of mines or the mining of bituminous coal, or the lives of the men engaged in this hazardous occupation, a trip to the mining towns of northern Cambria County is a revelation. Colver is the nearest of these towns, lying eight miles from Ebensburg.

BAND CONCERTS

The Ebensburg Band, a truly meritorious organization, gives frequent evening concerts during the summer months.

THE CHAUTAUQUA

For two weeks in the sum-

A Shimmering Lake in the Heart of the Mountains East of Ebensburg, William Penn Highway

mer a Chautauqua brings the best platform talent to Ebensburg. Institutes for teachers are a feature in August.

TRAP SHOOTING

The Ebensburg Gun Club's range at Woodland Park is the scene each week of clay bird matches; and the use of the traps may be had on payment of a small fee at any time.

PARKS

Woodland Park is a purely rural picnicking grounds on the Southern Cambria Electric road, which connects Ebensburg and Johnstown. Lakemont Park is a modern pleasure resort near Hollidaysburg, and reached within 50 minutes by automobile. There are amusements of many kinds, including a theater in which a summer stock company ap-

The Old "Skew" Bridge East of the State Sanitorium at Cresson, William Penn Highway

Above The Golf Course, Ebensburg Inn.

Below A Corner of Lake Rowena.

pears; and the boating is excellent.

AUTOMOBILING

Cars may be engaged very reasonably and there are drives in every direction. The Ebensburg Automobile company's garage is a fire-proof structure in the center of the town. Other garages are those of the Rosensteel, Brown and Boney companies.

PIKE'S PEAK OCEAN-TO-OCEAN HIGHWAY

(The Central Scenic Transcontinental Route)

The William Penn Highway is Pennsylvania's link in the Pike's Peak Ocean-to-Ocean Highway, the Appian Way of America.

Before the close of the summer of 1916 it is hoped to have this Pennsylvania thoroughfare identified throughout its course by the placing of the official markers of both road associations.

The Pike's Peak marker is of steel, bearing the highway emblem, and this is placed on posts at the entrance to each town along the road and at intervals of not more than five miles along the way. Official Pike's Peak pole-marking consists of red and white bands 10 inches in width, placed conspicuously along the road on at least every fifth pole.

Residence of Wel[illegible] G[illegible]

Above—Tennis Courts, Ebensburg Inn.

Below—William Penn Highway, Through the Allegheny Mountains.

In Pennsylvania the Keystone and initials of the William Penn Highway will appear beneath the Pike's Peak pole marking, in blue and yellow.

THE EBENSBURG INN

Too much cannot be said about the Ebensburg Inn, the commodious and handsomely interiored summer hostelry which commands a position overlooking Ebensburg. This hotel is famed for its cuisine and service. Its grounds are marvelous in their summer beauty. The hotel has wide verandahs which invite the guest to be restful and at his ease. Evening dances are a feature. Touring parties find the Inn a dandy journey's ending place. From June until October it is thronged with guests who prove its popularity by returning each season with new friends who soon become "veterans." Information regarding pretty Ebensburg Inn may be had by addressing R. Van Gilder, the Kenmawr Hotel, Pittsburgh, or at the Ebensburg Inn.

The Ebensburg Inn is Ebensburg headquarters for tourists east and west over the William Penn Highway.

Residence of Judge John W. Kephart

Other hotels in Ebensburg are the Metropolitan, the New Hotel Bender and the Exchange. Information regarding these hotels may be had from the management; and the William Penn Highway Association of Ebensburg will gladly furnish information regarding rooming and boarding houses.

William Penn Highway Through The Allegheny Mountains

HOW TO REACH EBENSBURG

Ebensburg may be reached over the Pennsylvania Railroad, the Southern Cambria railroad or by automobile. A branch line connects Ebensburg with the Pennsylvania main line at Cresson, while the Southern Cambria road gives hourly connection with the main line at Johnstown and South Fork. The William Penn Highway passes through Ebensburg, being three and one-half hours distant from Pittsburgh, one hour from Altoona and six hours from Harrisburg. There are two morning and two evening trains to Ebensburg from Cresson daily.

BEAUTIFUL HOMES

Ebensburg contains many beautiful homes. Among them may be named those of D. E. Park, C. H. Barker, F. H. Barker, A. W. Buck, M. D. Kittell, Webster Griffith, Fred D. Barker, F. J. Hartmann, B. Frank James, Maj. D. C. Phillips, F. C. Fitler and Judge John W. Kephart.

First National Bank of Ebensburg Whose Home is of White Marble

REFERRING TO THE PHOENIX

A disastrous fire in February 1915, wiped out almost 2 blocks in the center of Ebensburg. Since that time the greater part of the burned district has been rejuvenated; and is now a modern, well-built part of a thoroughly down-to-the-minute community. Very few towns of 2,300 population in the United States have handsomer business blocks than Ebensburg. Plans are now being prepared for structures which will occupy the last portion of the 1915 burned area. The buildings of the Cambria Title, Savings & Trust company, New Hotel Bender, the Cambria Freeman, T. B. O'Hara, the Mountaineer-Herald,

L. E. Kaylor, McKenrick and Reade, E. James & Son and Thomas A. Osborn are all new. And particular attention is called to the drug stores of B. Frank James and Harve Tibbott, than which there is none superior in the entire state of Pennsylvania.

The Cambria Title Savings and Trust Company's Four Story Building, a Very Handsome Structure.

THE WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY

Pennsylvania is the first State in the Union to propose a permanentized highway which will connect its extreme boundaries and link its largest cities.

The William Penn Highway, starting at Penn Square, Philadelphia, and terminating at the Ohio boundary, is a direct route through the central tier of Pennsylvania counties—passing through a country rich in scenic investiture; and through some of Pennsylvania's most prosperous cities.

The Dixie Highway is not the proposition of a single state; nor is the Lincoln Highway; nor the Ocean-to-Ocean road. The William Penn Highway lies within the boundary lines of one Commonwealth; and has the favor of all the people of that Commonwealth.

Unlike many other proposed thoroughfares, the William Penn Highway is not a costly proposition.

The greater part of it is already permanentized; and the remainder will be bricked or macadamed within a very short time. Some work remains to be done in Westmoreland and Indiana counties, but the balance is in excellent condition. By the close of the summer of 1916 four-fifths of the highway will have been permanently improved.

The William Penn Highway is a sentimental route, composed throughout its entirety of Pennsylvania state roads designated by route numbers in the Sproul highway system. The idea originated in Ebensburg; and has been taken up by Chambers of Commerce, Grange bodies and Automobile Clubs along the entire route.

From Philadelphia to Pittsburgh only one mountain is encountered, while travelers over the Lincoln way between these cities must traverse

This photograph of the breast of the dam at Lake Rowena is a pretty thing and has attracted wide attention. The scene is a beautiful one. Photographer Deck Lane has undeniably caught the one touch of Nature which makes the whole world kin. All of the photographs in this booklet are by Mr. Lane and are copyrighted

On the Breast of the Dam at Lake Rowena

The Ebensburg Inn, a Summer Hotel
Famed Throughout Pennsylvania

five mountains on which the grade is killing. The one mountain road on the way from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh is met between Duncansville and Cresson and, on the alternate road, between Altoona and Ashville, but the grade is easy and the state of Pennsylvania has built permanent highways of macadam, and of concrete.

The route of the William Penn Highway lies through some of the prettiest country found in the East. As a scenic route it is unequalled.

The William Penn Highway meets with the unqualified approval of Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh of Pennsylvania. In a recent letter to State Senator Horace A. Tompkins of Ebensburg he said:

"To my mind this will be one of the scenic routes of travel over the Commonwealth; and because it passes through the State Capital and follows the windings ot the beautiful blue Juniata, it appeals to me as an eminently desirable route to be developed into a great Highway commensurate with the beauty of the scenery, the importance of the communities involved, and the added value to Pennsylvania of having such a splendid Highway through some of its most important communities."

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD HAS THIS TO SAY ABOUT EBENSBURG IN ITS RESORT BOOKLET

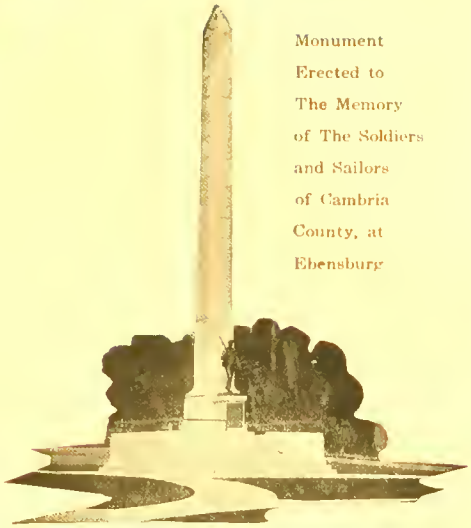
That portion of the great Appalachian Range which bisects the States of Pennsylvania and Maryland as the Allegheny Mountains and the Blue Ridge, differs from most of the other sections in that the tops of the ridges are rounded and flat, with no sharply defined peaks like those in the White Mountains of New Hampshire or the Adirondacks of New York.

Almost on the highest summits of the Allegheny range, at an altitude of twenty-two hundred and fifty feet above sea level, is the

The Spring at the Inn

quaint old town of Ebensburg, which for many years has been the summer home of many who desired to seek the exhilaration that the higher elevations give, particularly during the months when the temperature in the cities is far from comfortable.

While the characteristics of the city are largely those of the thrifty Welsh people who early in the history of the State of Pennsylvania settled on this high plateau, modern thrift and industry has stimulated the growth of Ebensburg from a mere country village to a well maintained city of about two thousand population, with paved streets and fine business places and homes.



Monument Erected to The Memory of The Soldiers and Sailors of Cambria County, at Ebensburg

Yet Ebensburg, despite its commercial characters, is a most charming and most healthful place and offers much to attract the visitor. Fine driving and motor car roads lead in all directions through the mountains and valleys.

The hotels of Ebensburg furnish accommodations for 500 persons, while private homes will accommodate as many more. During the summer months the streets of this pretty mountain town persent a charming sight, the walks thronged with daintily clad femininity and their escorts; and powerful motor cars, with their liveried drivers and handsome horse-drawn vehicles passing to and fro along the paved thoroughfares. Stately summer homes on the outskirts of the town have been occupied each succeeding summer for years by their owners, the charm of the place being irresistible. The hospitality of the residents is akin to the famed hospitality of the South. Everywhere the latchstring hangs on the outside.

Ebensburg is absolutely the most progressive town in the mountains of Pennsylvania. It is now preparing to erect a modern school building which will contain an auditorium with a seating capacity of one thous-

The William Penn Highway here passes through one of the prettiest valleys in the Allegheny Mountains Around are towering hills, but Pennsylvania's State Highway Department has constructed a road of surprisingly easy grades.

William Penn Highway Where It Passes Under the Mule Shoe Curve, Pennsylvania Railroad

Prince Gallitzin Spring, on the William Penn Highway Not Far From Ebensburg

and. Its Y. M. C. A. building is a veritable clubhouse for the town's masculinity; and herein, very shortly, it is planned to install a huge swimming pool. Additions to the courthouse are to be built at a cost of several hundred thousand dollars. Center street park is a shimmering emerald, a tall, white obelisk of marble rising in its center in memory of the soldiers and sailors of Cambria county who fought in the wars of their country. A children's home and a monster sanitarium are soon to be erected by the county commissioners on county property near the town. Ebensburg's churches are a thing of beauty—the Presbyterian in particular. It is a noteworthy fact, and of particular interest to visitors, that in the shops and stores of Ebensburg may be procured everything possible to procure even in much larger cities. The town's banking institutions—the First National, the Cambria Title, Savings & Trust Company and the American National—are pillars of strength, and noted throughout the state for their solidarity. The three weekly newspapers are great aids to the village. Incidentally, early trains bring the Johnstown, Pittsburg, Philadelphia and New York dailies. Mail service is excellent and telegrams may be received or dispatched at any time.

Looking Toward Cresson From the State Sanitarium at Summit

Philadelphia to Pittsburgh

The William Penn Highway.

TO HARRISBURG.

Mi.	
.0	PHILADELPHIA (Penn Square)
17.5	Norristown
37.2	Pottstown
54.4	Reading (Penn Square)
63.1	Wernersville
76.0	Myerstown
82.7	Lebanon
108.5	HARRISBURG.

TO EBENSBURG.

.0	HARRISBURG
5.8	Rockville
8.4	Dauphin
32.2	Millerstown
37.2	Thompsontown
41.3	Centerville
43.7	Mexico
47.1	Mifflintown
59.0	Lewistown
65.0	Reedsville
85.0	Airydale
94.0	Ardenheim
96.6	Huntingdon
105.1	Alexandria
107.4	Water Street
124.9	Hollidaysburg
137.1	Cresson
146.1	EBENSBURG

Optional Route.

107.4	Water Street
128.5	Altoona
138.7	Ashville
142.5	Chest Springs
148.5	Loretto
154.5	EBENSBURG

TO PITTSBURGH

.0	EBENSBURG
7.3	Munday's
17.3	Johnstown
29.9	Armagh
43.4	Blairsville
52.6	New Alexandria
56.8	Congruity
67.3	Murraysville
72.1	Monroeville
77.1	Wilkinsburg
80.1	Point Breeze
85.9	PITTSBURGH (William Penn Way)

Optional Route.

.0	EBENSBURG
7.3	Munday's
18.1	Armagh
74.1	PITTSBURGH

Pittsburgh to Philadelphia

The William Penn Highway.

TO EBENSBURG.

Mi.	
.0	PITTSBURGH (William Penn Way)
5.8	Point Breeze
8.8	Wilkinsburg
13.8	Monroeville
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33.3	New Alexandria
42.5	Blairsville
56.0	Armagh
68.6	Johnstown
78.6	Munday's
85.9	EBENSBURG

Optional Route.

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74.1	EBENSBURG

TO HARRISBURG

.0	EBENSBURG
9.0	Cresson
21.2	Hollidaysburg
38.7	Water Street
41.0	Alexandria
49.5	Huntingdon
52.1	Ardenheim
61.1	Airydale
81.1	Reedsville
87.1	Lewistown
99.0	Mifflintown
102.4	Mexico
104.8	Centerville
108.9	Thompsontown
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140.3	Rockville
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Optional Route.

.0	EBENSBURG
6.0	Loretto
12.0	Chest Springs
15.8	Ashville
26.0	Altoona
47.1	Water Street

TO PHILADELPHIA

.0	HARRISBURG
25.8	Lebanon
32.5	Myerstown
45.4	Wernersville
54.1	Reading (Penn Square)
71.3	Pottstown
91.0	Norristown
108.5	PHILADELPHIA (Penn Square)

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